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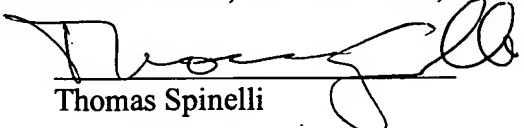
1. Japanese Patent No. 2680111, dated August 1, 1997 (which corresponds to Japanese Application Laid-Open No. 2-182231);

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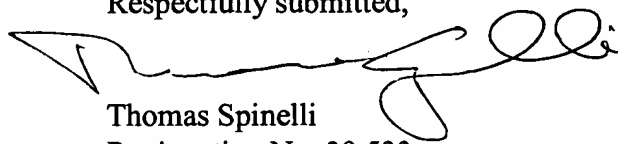

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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-093328, dated April 2, 2003, together with English-language Abstract; and
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-182231, dated July 16, 1990, together with English-language Abstract and corresponding UK Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 227 836 A, dated August 8, 1990 and United States Patent No. 4,916,533, issued to Gillies et al., dated April 10, 1990.

The references were cited in the International Search Report of a corresponding International PCT Application. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited foreign references, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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